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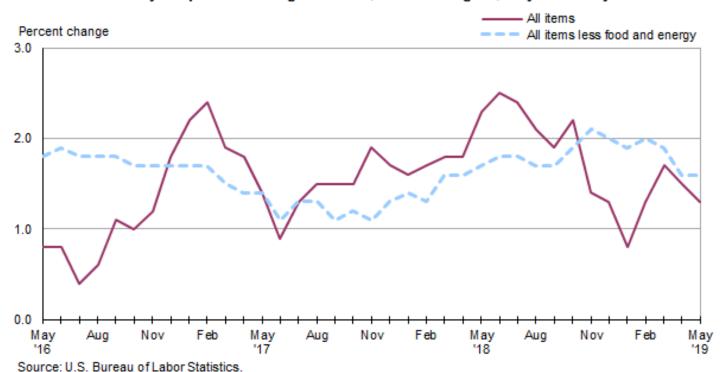
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Consumer Price Index, Midwest Region – May 2019 Prices in the Midwest up 0.3 percent in May and 1.3 percent higher over the year

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Midwest rose 0.3 percent in May, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The May movement was influenced by higher prices for shelter, energy, medical care services, and food. Overall, energy costs were up 1.3 percent, and prices for food turned up 0.5 percent. The index for all items less food and energy edged up 0.2 percent. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The CPI-U for the Midwest rose 1.3 percent over the latest 12 months. (See chart 1 and table A.) Food prices increased 1.5 percent. The energy index, which includes motor fuel and household fuels, declined 1.7 percent. The index for all items less food and energy was up 1.6 percent from May 2018 to May 2019. (See table 1.)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Midwest region, May 2016-May 2019



Food

Food prices in the Midwest turned up 0.5 percent following two consecutive months of lower prices. The increase was due to a 0.6-percent increase in prices for food at home and a 0.5-percent increase in prices for food away from home.

From May 2018 to May 2019, the index for food advanced 1.5 percent. Costs for food away from home were up 2.5 percent and prices for food at home rose 0.7 percent over the year.

Energy

The energy index continued to increase for the fourth month in a row, up 1.3 percent in May. The monthly gain reflected a 1.4-percent rise in prices for gasoline and a 2.2-percent increase in electricity costs. Lower prices for utility (piped) gas service (-0.2 percent) did little to moderate the increase.

Energy costs declined 1.7 percent since May 2018 due to over-the-year decreases in the prices for gasoline (-1.6 percent), utility (piped) gas service (-4.1 percent) and electricity (-0.8 percent).

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy for the Midwest edged up 0.2 percent in May. Among the expenditure categories that registered higher costs were shelter (0.4 percent), and medical care services (1.4 percent). Decreases in prices for new and used motor vehicles (-0.8 percent) and household furnishings and operations (-0.8 percent) were among those that moderated the increase.

The index for all items less food and energy was up 1.6 percent from May 2018 to May 2019. Higher costs for shelter (3.5 percent) led the increase.

The Midwest Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) stood at 238.219 in May 2019. A typical market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in the 1982-84 base period cost \$238.22 in May 2019.

CPI-W

In May, the Midwest Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) was 232.396. The CPI-W rose 0.3 percent in May and advanced 1.3 percent over the year.

Table A. Midwest region CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	1-month	12- month								
January	-0.6	-0.3	0.3	0.8	0.7	2.2	0.6	1.6	0.2	0.8
February	0.3	-0.5	0.0	0.4	0.2	2.4	0.2	1.7	0.7	1.3
March	0.6	-0.9	0.6	0.5	0.1	1.9	0.2	1.8	0.6	1.7
April	0.1	-1.1	0.4	0.8	0.4	1.8	0.4	1.8	0.3	1.5
May	0.4	-0.8	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.4	0.5	2.3	0.3	1.3
June	0.5	-0.7	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.2	2.5		
July	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.4		
August	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	1.5	0.0	2.1		
September	-0.3	-0.8	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.5	0.1	1.9		
October	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	1.0	-0.2	1.5	0.1	2.2		
November	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	1.2	0.2	1.9	-0.6	1.4		
December	-0.6	0.0	0.1	1.8	-0.2	1.7	-0.4	1.3		

The June 2019 Consumer Price Index for the Midwest region is scheduled to be released on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 6,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date (1982-84) that equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 17, The Consumer Price Index, available on the Internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch17.pdf.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The Midwest region is comprised of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods, Midwest Region, (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted)

All items	4 0.5 4 0.5 3 0.6 3 1.0	Mar.	May	Mav	Δnr	Mor	Evnenditure category	
All items (December 1977 = 100)	4 0.5 4 0.5 3 0.6 3 1.0	2019	2018				Expenditure category	
Food and beverages	4 0.5 3 0.6 3 1.0	0.6	1.3	238.219	237.510	236.793	All items	
Food at home	4 0.5 3 0.6 3 1.0			387.596	386.441	385.275	All items (December 1977 = 100)	
Food at home	3 0.6 3 1.0	0.4	1.5	247.517	246.391	246.618	Food and beverages	
Cereals and bakery products 259.057 257.264 259.730 0.1 0. Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs 246.636 246.965 249.425 0.1 1. Dairy and related products 195.000 194.063 195.331 -0.8 0. Fruits and vegetables 272.508 269.574 273.099 2.0 0. Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials 165.344 162.936 163.014 2.6 -1. Other food at home 196.992 198.321 197.784 0.2 0. Alcoholic beverages 254.159 253.893 253.144 1.3 -0. Housing 231.701 231.999 232.790 2.7 0. Shelter 276.067 278.535 279.672 3.5 0. Rent of primary residence(1) 276.931 277.399 278.085 3.4 0. Owners' equivalent rent of residences(1) 282.211 282.449 283.567 3.6 0. Fuels and utilities 217.617 219.835	3 1.0	0.4	1.5	246.953	245.689	245.913	Food	
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Dairy and related products	4 1 1 1	0.3	0.1	259.730	257.264	259.057	Cereals and bakery products	
Fruits and vegetables 272.508 269.574 273.099 2.0 0. Nonalcoholic beverages materials 165.344 162.936 163.014 2.6 -1. Other food at home 196.992 198.321 197.784 0.2 0. Food away from home 276.762 277.182 278.434 2.5 0. Alcoholic beverages 254.159 253.893 253.144 1.3 -0. Housing 231.701 231.999 232.790 2.7 0. Shelter 278.067 278.535 279.672 3.5 0. Rent of primary residence(1) 276.931 277.399 278.085 3.4 0. Owners' equivalent rent of residences(1) 282.211 282.449 283.587 3.6 0. (2) 0 278.081 282.449 283.587 3.6 0. Euclar of I)(2) 282.178 282.416 283.553 3.6 0. Euclar of I)(2) 175.292 174.666 176.947 -1	1 1.0	1.1	0.1	249.425	246.965	246.636	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials		0.2	-0.8	195.331	194.063	195.000	Dairy and related products	
Display	2 1.3	0.2	2.0	273.099	269.574	272.508	Fruits and vegetables	
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Alcoholic beverages	4 -0.3	0.4	0.2	197.784	198.321	196.992	Other food at home	
Housing	6 0.5	0.6	2.5	278.434	277.182	276.762	Food away from home	
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Owners' equivalent rent of residences(1) (2)		0.6	3.5	279.672	278.535			
(2)	4 0.2	0.4	3.4	278.085	277.399	276.931		
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Household energy	5 0.4	0.5	3.6	283.553	282.416	282.178		
Energy services(1)	7 1.0	0.7	-0.7	219.835	217.617	218.256	Fuels and utilities	
Electricity(1)	9 1.3	0.9	-1.8	176.947	174.666	175.292	Household energy	
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New cars(4)	-0.8	-0.8	0.1	137.761	138.861	138.817		
	-0.8	-0.8	0.1	97.388	98.155	98.129		
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	9 1.4	10.9	-1.6					
		11.1	-1.6					
	7 0.9	9.7						
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		0.2						
		-0.1						
		0.3						
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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods, Midwest Region, (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted) - Continued

		Indexes		Percent change from			
Expenditure category	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2019	May 2019	May 2018	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2019	
Other goods and services	431.444	432.934	434.887	2.3	0.8	0.5	
Commodity and service group							
Commodities	179.531	181.219	181.197	0.1	0.9	0.0	
Commodities less food and beverages	147.172	149.505	149.055	-0.7	1.3	-0.3	
Nondurables less food and beverages	194.239	199.681	199.757	-1.1	2.8	0.0	
Durables	102.280	102.266	101.490	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	
Services	295.863	295.548	297.028	2.2	0.4	0.5	
Special aggregate indexes							
All items less shelter	224.349	225.158	225.726	0.5	0.6	0.3	
All items less medical care	224.755	225.673	226.204	1.3	0.6	0.2	
Commodities less food	150.489	152.767	152.308	-0.6	1.2	-0.3	
Nondurables	220.064	222.893	223.461	0.2	1.5	0.3	
Nondurables less food	197.407	202.524	202.555	-0.9	2.6	0.0	
Services less rent of shelter(2)	324.009	322.804	324.691	0.9	0.2	0.6	
Services less medical care services	278.811	278.906	279.957	2.1	0.4	0.4	
Energy	200.004	209.577	212.344	-1.7	6.2	1.3	
All items less energy	243.374	243.197	243.706	1.6	0.1	0.2	
All items less food and energy	243.640	243.471	243.848	1.6	0.1	0.2	

Footnotes

Note: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

⁽¹⁾ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

⁽²⁾ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁽³⁾ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁽⁴⁾ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁽⁵⁾ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁽⁶⁾ Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.